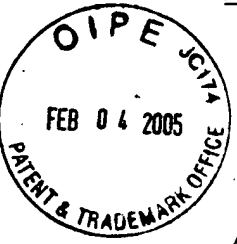


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Sir:

Kindly amend the above-identified application in response to the non-final Office Action dated November 4, 2004 in the above-identified application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begin on Page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on Page 10 of this paper.